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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Notification by Dickeyville Telephone Company that It
Intends to Increase Telephone Rates

1630-TR-102

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION opened in response to the notification received on April 14, 2003, from Dickeyville Telephone Company (Dickeyville, or applicant), that it intends to increase rates for local exchange telephone service at its Dickeyville exchange in Grant County.

Rate increases are proposed for national directory assistance, and for directory listings. The one free local directory assistance call is to be eliminated. Some of the proposed increases are greater than 30 percent, but are less than rates common in the industry. Waivers were granted by order of the Commission on May 2, 2003. A copy of the applicant's notification is available on the PSC's website at: http://psc.wi.gov/telecom/cases/rec_apps/recentap.htm.

Dickeyville mailed initial notice of this proposal to its customers on May 4, 2003. That notice was found to be inadequate and a corrected notice was sent to customers on June 4, 2003. Under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a), the proposed rates will become effective August 4, 2003, as specified in the corrected notice. Customers have the opportunity to petition the Commission for an investigation of the utility's rate increase.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission may investigate this matter under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a). If, within 60 days of the mailing of the utility's notice to customers, the Commission receives a petition from at least 125 customers requesting that the Commission determine rates, further investigation will be necessary. The utility's proposed increases may still go into effect; however, the rates will then be subject to refund.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to

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participate in this matter or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Tom Gross at (608) 267-2337.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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